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GOVERNMENT SAMPLING AND GRADING OF CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The personnel of the Food Products Inspection Service is now available in the markets named below and at all points which can be conveniently reached from these points for the purpose of drawing official samples of canned fruits and vegetables. If it is desired to have samples drawn in a smaller city not shown in the list, communicate with the inspection office nearest the point at which the sampling is desired. Applications for sampling and grading should be addressed by mail, telegraph, or telephone to FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTION at the address given.

INSPECTION MARKETS

Atlanta 902 Commercial Exchange Bldg.	Harrisburg 110 South Office Bldg.	Portland, Oregon 373 East Morrison St.
Baltimore 130 Custom House.	Houston, 1305 Prairie Avenue.	Providence 307 State House
Boston 703 Appraiser's Stores Bldg.	Indianapolis 307 Meyer-Kiser Bank Bldg.	Rochester, N. Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.
Buffalo 242 Federal Bldg.	**Jacksonville 204 St. James Bldg.	Sacramento State Dept. of Agriculture
*Chicago 509 Mercantile Exch. Bldg., 110 North Franklin Street.	Kansas City 212 Railway Exchange Bldg.	St. Louis 400 Old Custom House
Cincinnati 21 Fruit Exchange Bldg.	Los Angeles 300 Wholesale Terminal Bldg.	Salt Lake City 306 Capitol Bldg.
Cleveland Room 10 Northern Ohio Food Terminal Bldg.	**Louisville 303 Coleman Bldg.	San Diego Navy Receiving Station Navy Pier.
Columbus 275 South 4th Street	Memphis 1101 Falls Bldg.	San Francisco Room 1 Ferry Bldg.
Dallas 500 New Federal Bldg.	Milwaukee 507 Federal Bldg.	San Juan, P. R. 419 Ochoa Bldg.
Denver 312 State Museum Bldg.	Minneapolis 103 Federal Office Bldg.	Scranton Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Des Moines 310 New Federal Court House.	Newark 1216 Broad Street.	Seattle 415 Arctic Bldg.
Detroit 48 Detroit Union Produce Terminal Bldg.	New Haven 301 Federal Bldg.	Springfield, Mass. 33 Lyman Street.
Fargo State Seed Commissioner's Office	New Orleans 323 Custom House	Toledo 10 Main Post Office Bldg.
Fort Worth 2312 Fort Worth National Bank Bldg.	New York 641 Washington Street.	Trenton 606 First Mechanics Bank.
	Norfolk 300 Royster Bldg.	**Tulsa Room 217-218 Federal Bldg.
	Omaha 438 Keeline Bldg.	*Washington, D.C. & Potomac Yds U.S. Bureau of Agric. Econ.
	*Philadelphia 609 Mariner & Merchant Bldg.	Wilkes-Barre 266 Miners' Bank Bldg.
	Pittsburgh, 314 Fruit Exchange Bldg.	

Note: Offices marked * are canned fruit and vegetable grading stations. Offices marked ** grade canned tomatoes only. Jacksonville also grades canned grapefruit. San Juan grades canned grapefruit.

OFFICIAL CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GRADING SERVICE

To Cannerymen, Warehousemen, Bankers, Brokers, and Grocers:

The Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics is now prepared to officially sample, grade, and certificate the grade of canned fruits and vegetables at the request of financially interested parties. In the event that grading is desired it may be accomplished in any of three ways:

(1) Samples may be sent direct to the grading offices marked * listed on the reverse side of the sheet.

(2) Samples may be drawn by an officially licensed sampler and forwarded to the nearest grading office. Cannerymen may find it to their distinct advantage to have some disinterested party licensed in the city or cities where their plants are located to perform the services of official sampler. Licensed samplers are permitted to charge a small fee for these services. Applications for license as samplers may be had upon request to the Department of Agriculture. There is no charge for the license.

(3) Samples may be drawn by a representative of the Bureau in forty-nine of the large city markets of the country, who will forward them to the proper grading office for grading and certification. Samples will also be drawn at any point which can be conveniently reached from any of these markets. He will draw a representative sample and arrange for the issuance to you of a certificate setting forth the facts regarding the quality and condition of the samples.

Official grades are now available upon request for many of the items in canned fruit and vegetables. These grades may be used as a basis on which to consummate sales. They are being used as a basis in determining values of warehoused products for financing purposes. The use of standard grades enables buyer and seller to employ a common language with reference to quality in sales contracts.

The inauguration of the official grading services now makes it possible to have the grade of samples taken from lots of canned fruits and vegetables certified by competent, unbiased, disinterested persons. Moreover, the certificates issued are by the terms of the Farm Products Grading Law "admissible in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained". Thus the certificate is official evidence of quality and condition and very useful in settling disputes which may arise from time to time.

If you have goods rejected without good cause, or if you purchase goods and the shipper does not make a good delivery, the Government provides you, through this grading service, with the means of securing evidence as to the quality of the shipment. Requests for grading may be made by wire or letter. Such requests should state the kind of product, full description of the lot and its location, the name of the receiver, and the particular facts concerning which grading is desired.

This grading is purely a service - is not mandatory - and is rendered for a fee. Samples officially drawn will be graded on the basis of the size of the lot sampled. Samples are drawn at the rate of one can of can size No. 3 and smaller from each 1,000 cans - 24 cans per 1,000 cases. One-half of the sample will be graded and the other half retained as a check sample by the grading office. The check sample will be returned to the applicant upon his request. The fee for grading samples from 1,000 cases, the samples having been drawn by a representative of the Bureau, is \$5.00. If the samples are submitted by licensed samplers or others, delivery charges prepaid, the fee will be \$3.00. The Bureau will contract to grade at reduced rates where 250 gradings or more per year are requested. (For full information regarding fees send for free copy of Regulations covering grading.) All expenses of graders incurred in drawing samples while absent from their official stations are to be borne by the applicant, as well as transportation charges on samples to grading offices.

Full particulars with reference to grading service may be obtained by addressing the Canned Fruit and Vegetable Grading Service, U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C.